

## In Welfare Work Maui Offers Example For Others to Follow

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Once upon a time, in a small town in Illinois, there was a man who was the Oldest Inhabitant, and who thought of the days of his youth as "good old days" when everything was right and when there were no such things as "social problems," playgrounds for children, probation officers, and welfare workers.

It happened one year that some of the Oldest Inhabitants of that town were trying to get an appropriation through the town council to purchase a piece of land for a town playground, and since this man was a member of the council, as well as the Oldest Inhabitant, he rose up in his seat and said, "We don't need any playground in this town. Why, when I was a boy we played 'One Old Cat' and ball in McGiligan's pasture and we grew up healthy, strong boys. And McGiligan's pasture is still there just down the street a ways." And he sat down. But someone suggested that they go look at McGiligan's pasture and when the council got there they found three-fourths of it had been built upon and a high board fence topped with barbed wire had been built around the rest and there wasn't a boy or girl playing in it. And the appropriation for the playground was passed.

### New Order is Here

This is a true story and it illustrates what is happening on Maui and on the other Islands today. Times have changed; the population is growing rapidly; conditions have become more complex and the pressure of a growing population, much of it of foreign habits and thoughts but the same general make-up as ourselves together with our own greater understanding, has made things stick out like sore thumbs which before we never thought about at all.

Some on Maui have had insight into these things and the desire and vision to set to work to try and solve the problems. All of us want them solved when we know of them, for we were born naturally sympathetic and h aloha to our fellow beings. Our understanding there has come seeking for channels through which work. Sometimes we have found a channel within the usual course of life on Maui; sometimes we have had to start new organizations and new institutions or revamp the old ones, and to seek the assistance of others who have been especially fitted to aid along the necessary lines, so "welfare work" or "social service" or "industrial service work" grew among us and today has become a issue with the Community.

The purpose of this article is to add before us the means and methods and directions which this work of new importance has taken. I know much is being done. Many of these things have been done for a long time on Maui in one way or another, but never so much as now have they been organized and directed and assumed such importance. Those interested in the work feel sure that if the people of Maui and of the other Islands see these things clearly and understand what we are trying to accomplish we shall get on much faster.

### Maui Organizations

There are ten organizations on Maui that are doing the kind of things that are generally associated in the public's mind with welfare work, and three others not so generally associated. This distinction is necessary because these three organizations are very decidedly working as a main object, for the welfare of the community and yet are not generally thought of as "welfare" organizations. This is due to the background of "welfare work" or "social service work" which has so largely connected it with charity and the ameliorative side of the work. But amelioration and charity are only one side; probably the side with the most sentiment in it but far from being the most important side. The other side is that concerned with the constructive and preventive elements, and in the long run should perhaps be given the place of most importance.

The ten organizations are: The Territorial Board of Child Welfare; The Red Cross; The Maui Aid Association; The Board of Health, Kula Sanitarium; The Fred Baldwin Memorial Home; The Baldwin House; The Maui Council of Boy Scouts of America; The Alexander House Settlement.

To these, in the public mind no doubt, should be added the Industrial Service ("Welfare") Department of the Maui Agricultural Company and the Pioneer Mill Company, and also similar departments which will soon be organized by the Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company and the Wailuku Sugar Company, as well as the district or visiting nurses of all plantations.

The other three organizations are: The Woman's Club; The Outdoor Circle; The Maui County Fair & Racing Association.

It is not meant to convey the impression that these three are the only ones working along constructive and preventive lines. Nothing could be farther from the truth. All of the other ten are so working and some of them are doing very extensive work in these directions. But the three organizations mentioned above are not working along ameliorative lines, and so have not generally been classed as "welfare" organizations.

### Primary Purposes Shown

If the point of view of "welfare work" however, be lifted out of the narrow channel in which people have considered it and broadened so that it includes all work which is directly aimed at making the community a happier, better, more beautiful, more lovely place in which to live, then the inclusion of the three organizations

becomes perfectly simple and natural. There is no other way in which it should be considered.

Now to show the way and extent to which these organizations are working for the welfare of Maui.

In April 1919, Governor McCarthy signed the act passed by the territorial legislature, providing for the support of indigent, widowed or abandoned mothers and establishing a Board of Child Welfare to disburse the necessary funds in each county. Shortly afterwards, in July 1919, the Maui board held its first meeting and proceeded to reach out the helping hand to those mothers on the island who came within the scope of the bill.

Up-to-date 110 such mothers with their children have been helped by the board. The Board of Supervisors has been most far-sighted and by prompt appropriations for the work has made it possible for the Child Welfare Board to go ahead on an extensive scale. Recently it has been possible to enlarge the scope of the board's work because of the helpful support given by the supervisors, and to include indigent cases.

The law establishing the Child Welfare Board did not provide for children both of whose parents were dead or whose mother was dead and whose father was not supporting them. By a special trust fund placed at the disposal of the board this difficulty has been obviated. The Maui Board of Supervisors is to be congratulated on its splendid stand for orphaned children.

The Board of Child Welfare at present consists of Mrs. H. A. Baldwin, chairman; Mr. F. B. Cameron, treasurer; Mrs. H. B. Penhallow, Dr. W. D. Baldwin, and Mr. C. A. Puck, secretary. Miss Maybelle Taylor is clerk and agent. (Mrs. Penhallow died after the preparation of this article.)

### Volunteers Do Well

One of the most splendid features of the board's organization is the group of volunteers who look after the mothers and children in their districts. These volunteers are giving invaluable service to the community and the people whom they are helping. They are as follows: Mrs. A. W. Collins and Mr. David Fleming, Lahaina; Mrs. H. W. Baldwin, Hamakua; Mrs. F. G. Baldwin, Haiku; Mrs. S. A. Baldwin, Makawao; Mr. Carl Rose and Mrs. F. L. Hoogs, Wailuku; Mr. F. P. Rosecrans and Mr. S. E. Kalama, Paia; Mrs. G. I. Errett and Mr. Chas. Bailey, Hana; Miss Mary McFarlane, Kula; Mr. W. F. Pogue, Keanae, Huulo and Peahi; Mrs. Edward Delbert, Punahone and Kahului; Mr. E. K. Duvachelle, Molokai.

### Red Cross Still Works

The Red Cross is still carrying on advice, information and assistance to soldiers and sailors with respect to their war risk insurance and compensation. They now have about 17 men whom they are helping. A Red Cross Life Saving Corps has also been organized with about 20 members. Mrs. F. F. Baldwin is president of the organization on Maui.

### Maui Aid Association

The Maui Aid Association is distinctively a religious organization but it is also working in the field of welfare through its citizenship work. This branch of the work on Central Maui is in direct charge of Mr. Robert A. Judd. At present he has 27 night classes and about 400 pupils. The Rev. Dr. Tate has charge of the work on West Maui and has 9 teachers and about 150 pupils. Subjects taught are English, arithmetic, civics, and in the higher classes most of the regular grade work. Many young working men come to these classes.

In addition Mr. Judd edits a paper "The Community Citizen" which is sent out to all the schools of Maui, about 1000 copies a week. Through it many lessons in citizenship are given the children, and the schools of Maui are bound together in spirit, each getting the news as to what the other is doing.

### Fights White Plague

One of the most threatening plagues we have in our midst is that of tuberculosis. Creeping in through the dark places as it does; silently spread and unfelt in its first attacks; it should truly be regarded as a dread enemy and all power should be to the agency that is defending us from it. The Board of Health maintains two nurses on Maui, Miss Akana and Miss Davenport, whose work this is. They seek out the tuberculosis cases, keep them under supervision and advice or see that they are put into Kula Sanitarium.

These two nurses also look after the children in the schools, especially in the schools where there are no plantations. They see that the children's sores and cuts are attended to, watch for signs of sickness and where found have a doctor examine the child and are working out the question of school lunches. It is impossible for two nurses to cover all of Maui and Molokai and do the amount of work there is to be done. It is hoped that the Board of Health will see its way to put in more nurses.

The Board of Health also maintains a sanitary inspector and representative on Maui. Mr. Weight, who has made many changes for the betterment of sanitary conditions.

There is another institution waging war on tuberculosis, justly famous for its splendid work—Kula Sanitarium. Situated in a high dry climate, with excellent equipment and staff the Sanitarium is caring for about 150 patients on the average. Dr. Durney, physician in charge, has built Kula up from a small tent sanitarium to the big effective institution it is today, in about 10 years. Kula deserves all the support it can get, and needs it too for more and more people are asking for admission as they become educated to the proper means of fighting tuberculosis. The staff consists of two physicians, nurses, and a group of hospital attendants.

### Looks After Aged

The Fred Baldwin Memorial Home, was opened for its inmates in August 1911. Its purpose is to provide for aged white men the home which they otherwise would not have in their declining years. It has room for about 50 men. Beautifully located above Paia, on the slopes of Haleakala it has a setting that comparatively few are privileged to have for their home. It is built on the cottage plan about a hollow square which looks far out to see—a place for encouraging the dreams and memories such as the aged love to dwell upon. Mr. F. B. Cameron is manager.

### Other Valuable Work

Turn now to a group of different kinds of activities by which Maui is building her community life.

The Maui County Fair & Racing Association is playing a big part in the life of Maui, certainly adding much to make it a desirable place to live. The history of the fair committee service, hard work in supervising, constructing, laboring—all freely and gladly given, which lies behind the Fair Association's success is a big thing in community life alone. But the actual fair itself in its entertainment and educational values cannot be overestimated.

Today the Fair Association has a property value at considerably over \$100,000.00, has money in the bank, and no indebtedness. This has come about through the cooperation of the community and the generous support of the plantations who recently took over the fair's indebtedness for buildings, etc., about \$62,000.00.

### Sports Are Fostered

Besides the usual activities of a fair, this association mothers sports on Maui through committee. The Athletic Committee organized and keeps baseball going; has run off the first annual track meet; encouraged the development of soccer foot ball; and is about to take American foot ball under its wing. There is also a gun club under the association which has put its traps, and will soon hold a competitive shoot.

The plans of the Fair Association to make the Fair Grounds one large community center, will mean much to Maui. In these plans it is contemplated to install tennis courts, a swimming tank, golf links, baseball and foot ball fields and a running track. The grounds are now being laid out and planted on a permanent plan and a landscape gardener put in charge so that they may become a beautiful picnic and playgrounds for the whole community. An excellent dance floor and meeting hall is already in permanent form and other buildings are being made permanent.

### Woman's Club Important

The Woman's Club has accomplished a great deal for the welfare of Maui, although its activities are chiefly concerned with central and East Maui. The club has put a humane officer on Maui. It has beautified and cleaned up many places. Many times it has served as a medium of expressing public opinion to the county and territorial authorities, and as a forum for discussion and presentation of subjects of general interest has often cleared the atmosphere. They always stand ready to back up anything for the public good. Mrs. Helen Mar Linton is president and Mrs. Charlotte Rice, vice-president.

The Outdoor Circle performs for West Maui many of the functions of the Woman's Club for Central and East Maui. However, their chief efforts have been towards beautifying and cleaning up the "outdoors." They had planted trees and flowers notably along the beach road, which when they grow up will make the way to the Paia a beautiful and satisfying drive. Mrs. A. W. Collins is president.

### Boy Scouts Strong

The Maui Council of Boy Scouts of America hardly needs any introduction as to its work. Five troops of boys are now organized under its auspices. The council has accepted the offer of the Alexander House Settlement to furnish the services of W. H. Hutton as scout executive, and Mr. Hutton will begin his duties November 1st. There is probably no better known scout executive anywhere than Hutton and Maui is surely to see soon a phenomenal growth in its scouting under his lead. Getting to the hearts of the boys and leading them to feel and understand their part in the life about them is what scouting does, and that what Maui needs. Dr. W. D. Baldwin is president of the council and C. A. Puck, scout commissioner.

### Lahaina's Baldwin House

The Baldwin House at Lahaina, supported from private funds, is a Settlement House of long standing. At present its staff consists of Mrs. Gossin, headworker and Miss Wall kinder-gartner. They are accomplishing an excellent work among the children and young people of Lahaina through a large kindergarten, playgrounds, and a night school. They also have a small library for lending out books, which is well used. They are planning to extend their work with girls clubs.

**Plantations Actively Interested**  
The new phase of social service on Maui is represented in the Industrial Service Departments of the plantations. Two plantations, Maui Agricultural Co., and Pioneer Mill Co., already have such departments established and two more will soon establish them.

In former days the plantation labor force was largely imported single men; today these men are married and have children and the problems brought about by this condition have made necessary a change in the method of handling them. The Industrial Service Department is the answer of the plantations. By this plan a competent man is put in charge of a growingly complex group of relations between the plantation management and the employees, so that there will be some one whose definite duty it is to see that people are housed properly and well; that the general sanitation of the villages (the term camp is being abandoned) is looked after;

that recreation and facilities for it are provided; that accidents are prevented; that personal troubles and difficulties are sifted and the right kind of help given. Through these departments also a wild field of health and hygiene work with the children, and baby welfare work with the mothers and babies is also being undertaken.

### Great Activity Planned

Plans are under way for the building of gymnasiums, athletic fields, club houses, motion pictures theaters which will also include a vaudeville circuit, and restaurants for proper feeding. New and improved dwellings are being built or are planned to the extent of hundreds; sanitary systems are being laid out; the villages are being planned for beautification; dairies are being installed or enlarged to supply milk; more extensive raising of animals for food is being gone into and in every way the plantations are endeavoring to give "the square deal" to their laborers and employees.

### Sick Well Cared For

A very large and important part of the work done for the welfare of plantation employees, is the providing of hospitals, physicians, nurses and visiting nurses. Some of the plantation hospitals are not to be excelled anywhere on the islands in staff buildings and equipment. They treat thousands of cases.

There are now 8 district nurses on Maui plantations who are sent out into the homes and to village dispensaries to look after mothers, children and babies, and see that sickness and ailments of all sorts are properly treated. Their is a far reaching reaching series and is only limited by their endurance personality and the number of hours in the day. A great many day nurseries for taking care of the children of mothers who work have been established under these nurses. The Maui Agriculture Company has established a most fundamental Americanizing agency. It is to be hoped that there will be more such established on the plantations or that the public schools will establish them and provide for transportation.

### One Real Pioneer

The Alexander House Settlement has been carrying on various activities since its formation in 1901. It is centrally located at Wailuku although by recent arrangement with the plantations its work extends all over Central and West Maui. Its physical equipment consists of a gymnasium, swimming pool and bowling alleys; another building in which is located the kindergarten and part of which is given rent free to the Maui Library Association; a small office building; two tennis courts; and a residence for its workers, all in Wailuku.

### Has General Supervision

By arrangement with the plantations the Settlement has this year become their supervising and organizing agent in the "welfare" or industrial service work which they do. In addition to this the Settlement carries on its work among the boys and girls and people of Wailuku and other towns and communities not strictly plantation. Thus it unites the two fields under one management.

There is not space here to go into the details of the Settlement's work but an enumeration of the directions which it takes, together with a statement of the fields of the various members of its staff will indicate what this work is.

### Division of Duties

The headworker has general supervision over all the work of the Settlement and is directly responsible for its work on the plantations. The associate headworker is responsible for the work in Wailuku and is also directly responsible for certain things for which the Settlement donates his time. These things are: secretary of the Territorial Board of Child Welfare; Boy Scout Commissioner; indigent agent in certain cases for the county, probation officer in certain cases; trustee for certain children, for the court, secretary of the Athletic Committee of the Maui County Fair and Racing Association, agent for the Red Cross. He also takes up many other community activities, more or less temporary in nature.

The other Settlement activities include furnishing a district nurse for the school and town of Wailuku through whom also preventive hygiene and sanitation is carried on. Gymnasium work is provided for the boys and girls and young people of Wailuku and vicinity, bowling and tennis are carried on through clubs, and swimming is always on the boards.

### Staff is Increased

Recently the Settlement added the new workers to the staff through whom it will reach out further to the boys and girls of Maui. W. H. Hutton comes to extend and organize the Boy Scouts, his time will be partly donated by the Settlement to be Maui Council of Boy Scouts. Leland C. Lewis comes to have general charge of the gymnasium work and to assist in organizing athletics and recreations on the plantations. Miss Eleanor Langwith comes to take up an entirely new and highly important work, that of organizing girls' work in the towns and on the plantation.

### Public Schools Included

Considerable welfare work is being done in the public schools. The plantations on Central and West Maui have generously made it possible for practically every school to have at least three acres of cleared play space, and have helped in many instances to clear, level and lay out the ground in addition to erecting play apparatus. A large work in hygiene has been started. This year nearly every school child will be weighed and measured and the figures recorded once a month. This will be the basis of a Cho Cho Club among the children which will stimulate better eating, sleeping, cleanliness, care of the teeth and a large play and exercise program. Every attempt is being made to have every child get a cup of milk for lunch at school and the plantations and others are rapidly increasing their dairy herds to further this movement.

## Entered Of Record

**Deeds**  
KAMANO & HSB, to Lahaina Agricul. Co., Ltd., Int. in Ap. 2, of R. P. 3535, Hanakao, Lahaina, Maui, Sept. 6, 1920. \$400.

**Leases**  
ELLENA A. CLEMENT to H. Shihata, pes. land, Hamakualoa, Maui, June 12, 1920. 10 yrs. at \$127 per ar.  
PEAHI HUI LANDS to H. Shihata, 19 A land, Peahi, Hamakualoa, Maui, Sept. 15, 1920. 8 yrs. at \$1520 per ar.  
LUNG MAN GAT & WF, et al. to Y. Harimoto, 3 rooms in building, Lahaina, Maui, 10 yrs. at \$420 per annum, Aug. 28, 1920.

**Assignment of Lease**  
WONG WAH to Dang Ling et. als., por. Kul. 5225 Mahele 1, Wailuku, Maui, Sept. 30, 1920. \$518.50.

**Deeds**  
MOSES L. NEEDHAM & WF, to Mrs. Kila English, 7 1/2 A of Mah. Award, \$525 Hanaeo, Hana, Maui, Sept. 1, 1920. \$300.

**AMOS BOTELHO & WF, to Manuel M. Morreira, 15 A in hui land, Peahi, Maui, Sept. 29, 1920. \$500.**  
S. TANAKA & WF, to S. Ohata, R. P's, 5103 & 5986, Waihee, Maui, Oct. 7, 1920. \$1500.

**CHARLES D. LUFKIN & WF, to Edna M. Engle, por. Kul. 3399 Wailuku, Maui, Sept. 15, 1920. \$3000.**

**EDNA M. ENGLE & HSB, to K. Oka, por. Kul. 3399, Wailuku, Maui, Oct. 7, 1920. \$4000.**

### In Prospect

A few words looking forward for Maui. She has laid down a program and built the foundations of a great vision of her future social well-being. She need have no fear for her people under the steady development of these ideals. The most splendid and reassuring part of it all is the whole-hearted way in which her people pull together. The hard work which they freely volunteer for and perform for the betterment of the community is not outdone anywhere. A great credit is due the volunteer workers of Maui who perform those thousand and one things that make it possible to realize ideals, and do them often without being known.

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